

DEFENSE TO SHOW PAST REPUTATION

Character Witnesses from Marceline Will Testify for Elmer Le Rette.

COURT ORDERS SPECIAL TESTIRE

Regular List Near Exhaustion and Sheriff Given Authority to Secure 40 Testimony.

Elmer Le Rette, Marceline youth, facing the charge of murder in the circuit court here, will not only depend on an alibi as his defense but his character in the past will be brought to the jury's attention with hope of strengthening his chances for acquittal.

F. M. McArthur, attorney defending the youth, announced this morning that it is entirely likely that numerous character witnesses from the lad's home town would be brought here to testify as to his reputation. Le Rette has among the people of his native city.

"One hundred if not more, will be brought here to testify as to my client's character," Mr. McArthur asserted this morning. "We will show that he has an unimpeachable reputation as a law abiding boy in his home town."

SALOONKEEPER IS TAKEN ON CHARGE

Fred Schmidt, Alleged to Have Had Place of Business Open Election Day.

Determined in their efforts to uphold the orders recently issued by the city commissioners with regard to saloon operations, the police this morning arrested Frederick D. Schmidt, proprietor of the Cross Country buffet, 1696 Second avenue, on a charge of selling liquor on election day.

This morning Chief of Police Phil Miller is said to have apprehended the proprietor with several men drinking in the saloon. Schmidt will be given a hearing this afternoon at 2 o'clock before Magistrate Smith on a charge of violating the saloon ordinance.

CITY TO WELCOME YALE CREW HERO

Board and Committee to Receive Charles Deere Wyman on Arrival in Moline Tomorrow.

Charles Deere Wyman, who was a member of the Yale rowing crew which recently won the national title, will arrive in Moline tomorrow and plans have been made for citizens to greet the young man a royal welcome. He is to be met at the station by a delegation headed by E. E. Morgan and a band. There will be a parade to the rowing stand on Fifth street, with members of the old Moline rowing crew in the line, carrying their oars. Dr. J. H. Arg will head the club, as he did in former years. At the rowing stand there will be an address of welcome by Commissioner C. V. Johnson, setting for Mayor M. E. Carlson, and there will be other brief addresses.

Mr. Wyman is to enter the Deere factory in Moline and leave the place making business established by his great-grandfather. At the beginning of his career in the manufacturing plant he will wear overalls and put in his time at the bottom of the bottom and learn the business all the way through.

PERSONAL POINTS

Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Anderson and children, 1911 Eighth avenue, have left for London, Ontario.

Miss Willie Beck is attending summer school at Northwestern university, Evanston.

John McGrath of Clinton, Iowa, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Mary A. Fanning, and his cousin, Walter E. O'Neal, 2333 Sixth avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Johnson of Davenport, Miss Helen Young, Mrs. J. W. Lottick and daughter Miss Clara and Miss Florence Hibel of this city compose a party that have gone for an outing at Lake Geneva.

Chastene Curtis, who has been in charge of the physical training at the Canton, Ill. Y. M. C. A., visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Curtis, 715 Forty-third street, enroute to Denver, Col. for the summer vacation.

Mrs. E. A. Barnett and son Lee, 418 Thirty-fourth street, have returned from Kalamazoo, Mich., where the 19-20 recently graduated from the Western State Normal school. Mrs. Barnett was in attendance at the commencement exercises of the school.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Smith, 1541 Fourteenth-and-a-half street, was gloriously decorated for the arrival of a son, their first born. Mrs. Smith and the young man are at St. Anthony's hospital. Mr. Smith is circulation manager for The Argus.

Miss Hazel Waller, 839 Forty-third street, has gone for a week's visit in Chicago. She will later go to Buffalo, N. Y., and Niagara Falls, then on to Pittsfield, Mass., where she will join a company of friends for a tour of the Berkshire hills, later going to New York City for a visit. She will be

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Simon and Landauer A SPECIAL PURCHASE Trunk, Suitcase and Bag Sale. A short time ago one of the leading makers of traveling bags, suit cases and trunks arrived in Davenport, with a factory surplus that he wished to dispose of. While it has been almost two years since we carried trunks in stock—the discounts that this salesman offered us were so alluring that we simply could not pass them up. We're going to make an inducement to every man or woman to purchase now. The savings will run from 10 to 30%. LOOK OVER THESE PRICES

\$18 Trunks, size 40 in., now	\$12.75	\$7 Trunks, 36 in.	\$5
\$11.50 Trunks, size 32 in., now	\$8.25	\$7 Trunks, 34 in.	\$4.75
\$10 Trunks, size 32 in., now	\$6.50	\$6.50 Trunks, 36 in.	\$4.75
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		\$3.50 Trunks, 28 in.	\$2.50

Great Clearance of Suitcases and Bags

Matting suit cases in five different sizes; regular \$1.50	\$1.00
Kerato suit cases in three sizes; with and without straps. Regularly priced at \$2.50, now	\$1.50

\$ 3.00 Kerato suit cases	\$2.00
\$ 6.00 cowhide suit cases	\$4.00
\$ 6.50 cowhide suit cases	\$4.50
\$ 7.50 cowhide suit cases	\$5.00
\$ 9.50 cowhide suit cases	\$6.50
\$10.00 cowhide suit cases	\$7.50
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MEXICANS TRY TO VISIT WILSON

Emissaries From Angeles and Madero Arrive at Cornish to Get Interview With President.

Cornish, N. H., June 29.—Two Mexicans describing themselves as emissaries from General Felipe Angeles and General Raul Madero, arrived here today to arrange, if possible, for an interview on the situation in Mexico.

The visitors said they were Colonel Jesus M. Aguilar, a member of General Angeles' staff, and Major Yreño Agarcia of the staff of General Madero.

Learning that the president was out motoring, they said they would attempt to get their message to him this evening.

CONFIRMS PROJECT IN COUNTY COURT

Final confirmation of the sewer and watermain project on Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets between Ninth and Eighteenth avenue, was entered by Judge N. A. Larson in county court this afternoon. A rebate of \$1,049 was given the city. The original estimate was \$5,905 and the actual cost \$3,956.

The assessment for sidewalks on the north side of Ninth avenue from Twenty-seventh to Thirtieth street, was vacated. The property owners will install the improvement themselves.

COLORED PEOPLE IN OUTING AT THE PARK

The colored people of this city are holding a large picnic and outing this afternoon at Exposition park. A ball game was played this afternoon and this evening supper will be served.

President Resting Today. Cornish, N. H., June 29.—Wearied by his long automobile ride of yesterday, President Wilson this morning remained in his study. He planned an afternoon automobile ride.

The president kept in close touch with the state department to learn of possible developments in the European and Mexican situations.

Secretary Lansing was expected to arrive in Amherst, Mass., today, and it was thought he might confer with the president concerning the European and Mexican situations.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

PLAYGROUNDS ARE PROVING SUCCESS

Total of 120 Children Entertained Yesterday at Twenty-fifth Street Place.

The playgrounds opened yesterday at Twenty-fifth street and Fifth avenue are proving a huge success and children from blocks around are streaming to the grounds to take part in the sports, make use of the apparatus that has been installed and listen to the stories that are told during an hour in the afternoon. Miss Mabel Freistat is the supervisor in charge, and already she has won the love of the children of the neighborhood and is constantly surrounded by many children who cling to her and want to become part of the activity of the grounds. Enough apparatus has been installed to entertain the children in turns and as fast as they can be erected swings, teeter-totters, sliding boards, etc., are being placed. A shelter house is in course of construction and the children almost pack the sand-box. Yesterday afternoon 120 children were entertained, mothers with their little ones coming in the early evening, too, to get a breath of fresh air. This afternoon Miss Maud Huesling is telling the children stories, and they sit in eager-eyed interest, drinking in every word of wonderful tales.

Mrs. J. W. Houder, Mrs. Frank Boughton and Mrs. William Walker have worked very hard to make the grounds attractive and to provide entertainment for the children.

The west half of the grounds has been planted in gardens, and in spite of the stones and bricks that have accumulated in almost centuries, vegetables are growing and the children promise to have a respectable looking garden ere long. Flowers have been planted along the path and everything possible is being done to attract the children of the neighborhood to the spot.

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